

## WHAT IS THE TEXAS what is the texas ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY address confidentiality PROGRAM (ACP)? program (acp)?

With increased public access to personal information, there is a rising need for address confidentiality for victims of family violence, stalking and sexual assault. Texas has a new program to help these victims keep their actual addresses confidential. The Texas Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), administered by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), provides a substitute address and mail forwarding service for these victims and members of their household. ACP should be utilized as a portion of an overall safety plan. It is not a witness protection program or a guarantee of safety.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must meet with a local domestic violence shelter, sexual assault center, law enforcement, or prosecution staff member to discuss a safety plan and enroll in the program. To get contact information for local shelters, please access the Texas Council on Family Violence Web site at <a href="https://www.tcfv.org">www.tcfv.org</a> or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-SAFE. To contact local centers please access the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Web site at <a href="https://www.taasa.org">www.taasa.org</a> or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at (800) 656-HOPE. Meeting with an advocate is vital to this process and required by law. The OAG will not accept applications submitted directly by victims.

To learn more about the program contact:

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